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FD extended its lead to 10 points after three quarters but the Panthers rallied in the fourth, part of a dazzling outside shooting display by Judah Alcantara and Ben Harris from the Panthers, and Blaise Ada from the Friars.

"First of all, shout out to Guam High. They gave us a great competition. In the first half, I was kinda off so going into the second half, I felt like I should just keep shooting my shot," said Ada. "I just trusted in my shot and let it fly. It was a very good game and one for the books."

After Alfred Leon Guerrero's fourth free throw made it 60-59 with 1:16 left



in the game, Guam High's Robert Ellis had a rebound and putback to give the Panthers a 61-60 lead.

"It had me on my feet. It was intense and I was enjoying it," said Romero.

Harris fouled Ada on a three-point attempt, and Ada hit two of three for FD for the go-ahead lead with 44 seconds left in the game.

"We played pretty good but we could have made extra passes, contribute a little more around the ball, played extra defense ... but overall I think we did pret-

JOJO SANTO TOMAS/PDN Father Dueñas Memorial School students cheer on their team against the Guam High School Panthers on Feb. 17, 2023, at Guam High. FD won in a thriller,

ty well," said Romero.

Guam High coach Reggie Guerrero said he was pleased with his team's defense at the start of the game.

"That set the tone for the game. Then the fourth quarter is huge," he said. 'There's fouls and free throws being made, there's highs and lows and peaks at the end. They just came out on top. It was a great battle and it's gonna be an exciting playoffs."

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Baseball

Sablan responded with a strikeout, then walked in another run, and got out of the jam with another strikeout.

> "Honestly, I never pitched so early in a game but it felt

good because the weather was nice and my hands had good grip," said Sablan.

Sablan gave up a harmless single in the third inning and had eight strikeouts in the game. He stymied the Panthers with a big breaking ball.

The curveballs were just turning the way they were supposed to turn. It was getting the people to swing and yeah, that's it," he said. "Our hitters made good contact, they got on base and had smart baserunning."

The Dolphins went four up, three down in the second inning, and managed to score one run in the third before the floodgates opened. A 6-2 lead turned into an 11-2 lead after four innings, and the Dolphins

delivered a five-run sixth inning to put the Panthers away by mercy rule.

Sablan said now it's time to go back to practice and work harder than ever to be ready for the Friars on Tuesday. Eve on the ball, he said, and better sticks.

"Can we beat them? We'll find out," he said. "Come Tuesday night to find out."

The FD-Southern game

is scheduled for 4 p.m. Feb. 21 at Okkodo High School, followed by Notre Dame vs. Tiyan High School at 7 p.m. After two more days of doubleheaders on Thursday and Saturday, the semifinals start Feb. 28 for the league's top four teams.

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JOJO SANTO TOMAS/PDN Guam High School Panthers pitcher Devin Salud releases a pitch against the Southern High School Dolphins in their Guam DOE Interscholastic Sports Association High School Baseball game Feb. 18, 2023, at Guam High. The Dolphins won the

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